



State Representative
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Committees: Regulatory Reform (Chair); Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation; Judiciary; Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security

Biography: Tory Rocca was born and raised in Sterling Heights, Michigan. At an early age, Tory acquired an appreciation for hard work and a good education. Tory graduated summa cum laude from his high school with a 4.0 grade point average. After high school graduation, Tory attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he worked his way through college as a laboratory technician specializing in DNA sequencing. In 1995, Tory graduated with distinction from the University of Michigan's School of Business Administration. After college, Tory was employed by Johnson Controls where he once again worked as a laboratory technician. Knowing that he might someday choose a career in public service, Tory decided to prepare himself by studying law. Turning down scholarships to law schools located outside of Michigan, Tory attended the University of Michigan Law School, where he earned his juris doctor degree in 1999, and successfully passed the state bar exam. Tory Rocca began practicing law in July 2000 at a law firm that specialized in defending doctors against medical malpractice lawsuits. Tory's experience in the legal profession includes practice in the areas of business law, premises liability defense, and product liability defense. Having developed an interest in government at a very early age, Tory Rocca succeeded in his first attempt at public office by being elected State Representative in the 2004 election. Because of his background and expertise in business and law, Tory Rocca was the only freshman representative to be appointed chairman of a standing policy committee in the Michigan House of Representatives. In addition to chairing the House Regulatory Reform Committee, Tory also serves on the Judiciary Committee, the Committee on Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation, as well as the House Committee on Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

The prudent expenditure of taxpayers' dollars is one of Tory's legislative priorities. He is working to end government waste and to ensure accountability by public agencies. In addition, Tory Rocca is working to make state government more accessible to the citizens of his district. By holding town hall meetings and visiting personally with the citizens of his district, Tory is reaffirming the principle that government belongs to the people.

